

Julie Masters, Mayor
Charles Suderman, Mayor Pro Tem
Sean Skipworth
Walter Wilson

MINUTES
City of Dickinson
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

Wally Deats
Louis Decker
William H. King III
Chris Heard, City Administrator

April 13, 2020

The Dickinson City Council met in a duly called and announced **SPECIAL MEETING** on **Monday, April 13, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.** In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Dickinson, Texas conducted the meeting by telephone conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The meeting was held for the purpose of considering the following items:

ITEM 1.) CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Masters called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. City Secretary Alun Thomas called roll and certified a quorum. Council Members present were as follows: Mayor Julie Masters, Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Suderman, and Council Members Sean Skipworth, Walter Wilson, Wally Deats, and Louis Decker. Council Member William H. King, III was absent. Also present were City Attorney David Olson and City Administrator Chris Heard.

ITEM 2.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Resolution Number XXX-2020 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE DICKINSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION’S EMERGENCY BUSINESS RECOVERY AND EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE RECOVERY AND EXPANSION OF DICKINSON BUSINESSES THAT HAVE SUFFERED DUE TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE PREAMBLE; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND CONTAINING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. (First of Two Readings)

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the first reading of the Resolution, and Council Member Suderman seconded the motion. Mayor Masters and City Attorney David Olson discussed the reference to Dickinson Economic Development Corporation holding a public hearing about the program on April 6, 2020, saying that she did not recall the public hearing as an item on its agenda. Dickinson Economic Development Corporation’s Chief Executive Officer, Scott Jones, will consult with the Corporation’s attorney, who will correspond with Mayor Masters and Mr. Olson about it.

Mayor Masters expressed her desire to have item 9 (the requirement for grant recipients to take two online classes) removed from the grant application agreement. She said that the reason for the business owners

having to apply for the grant is the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, not their poor business skills. This training, she believes, seems to suggest that the business owners failed, when it was actually the economy that failed. It was the consensus of Council that the clause should be removed from the agreement.

Council Member Deats amended his motion to approve the first reading of the Resolution conditioned upon the removal of the requirement for grant recipients to take the two online courses and provide proof that they enrolled in the classes (item 9 of the performance agreement) from the program's grant application, and Council Member Suderman seconded the amended motion. Council Member Skipworth said that he was concerned that the removal of item 9 might slow down the process by the need for Dickinson Economic Development Corporation to reconsider the application. City Attorney David Olson said that it should not, but noted that that decision is up to Dickinson Economic Development Corporation's board. Mr. Olson confirmed that the corporation will legally be able to proceed with taking applications immediately following the final approval of this resolution.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

5 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

ITEM 3.) ADJOURN

Council Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m., and Council Member Deats seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

5 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker)

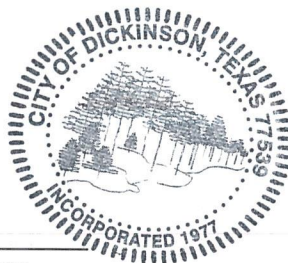
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MOTION PASSED

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 14th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:


Alun W. Thomas, City Secretary




Julie Masters, Mayor